Phillips County Commissioner Meeting Minutes¹ April 6, 2022

The Board held a work session with Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln prior to the meeting.

Call to order

Chairman Timm called to order the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8 A.M. on April 06, 2022, at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

Attendees

Chairman Tom Timm, Commissioners Garold Roberts and Terry Hofmeister, County Administrator Laura Schroetlin, and Assistant Administrator Nici Akey.

Additional Attendees

Janelle Krueger, Broc Pelle, Dan Waln, Kayla Kafka, Trisha Herman, Jessie Stewart, Stephanie Starkebaum, Todd Workman, Jeff Berkheimer, Hannah Goodman, Wynter Goodman, Leonidas Goodman, Cherrie Ann Brown, Brittany Daniel, Patricia Farnes, Steve Brown, Ken Ham, Randy Beal, Eileen Wagner and via phone, Maurice Emmer and Shawn Smith.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Trisha Herman 10:00 appointment added Dennis Jelden 11:00 appointment cancelled 9) Memorial Request from Owens' Family 10) Deputy Sheriff

Consent Agenda Items:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 03.31.2022 meeting
- b) Approval of A/P Invoice list
- c) Acknowledge receipt of Event Center Rental Agreements/Surveys

Approval of Consent Agenda

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

None made

Appointments

The board met with OEM director, Broc Pelle for his quarterly briefing.

The board met with Todd Workman who gave a presentation about election concerns. He asked Maurice Emmer and Shawn Smith to present information via phone as well. No formal action was taken.

The board met with Phillips County Economic Development Director, Trisha Herman. She requested signatures from the Commissioners on a letter of support for a grant opportunity for the Child Care facility. She also presented information on the Rural Jump Start Program.

The board met with Fair Board President Kayla Kafka to discuss the 2022 Fair Activities. The Fair board was thanked for their contribution toward the speaker purchase for the BOC Pavilion. The board approved the Fair Board's request to serve alcohol.

Schroetlin noted that Jelden is interested in hiring two 2 deputy coroners. More discussion will take place at a later date.

The board met with CSU Extension 4H Agent Jessie Stewart and Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Stephanie Starkebaum for their monthly update. Stewart spoke of the Cattle Women's conference on May 25th as well as the Buckle-up Show camp being held at the BOC Pavilion June 18th & 19th. This show is for 4-H & FFA members to learn about nutrition, exercise, and showmanship preparation. She asked to have the rental fee waived. The Commissioners agreed to waive the fee to allow the cost to remain manageable for local youth. Starkebaum gave updates on her activities.

Unfinished Business

None

Motions/ New Business

Roberts moved to approve the changes to county financial policies, as presented. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion on possible solutions to the temporary short staffing issues within the Sheriff's Department. No action was taken.

Information from Carol Haynes was presented information about making improvements to a storage building at the Phillips County Museum. Dan Waln will coordinate with Haynes on the County's behalf.

The family of Jessica Owens asked permission to place a bench in memory of their daughter at the BOC Pavilion, to be located underneath the Brand Wall. Unanimous approval was given for the receipt of this donation.

The Holyoke School District requested that the county sponsor Kristie's Kids Backpack Program in honor of Kristie Pelle. The program provides food for students experiencing food insecurity on the weekends.

Hofmeister made a motion to donate \$150 to Kristie's Kids Backpack Program. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 11:43 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Assistant Administrator Nici Akey.

At the conclusion of the meeting a work session was held with John Sullivan and Barbara Green to discuss the process to update the County Planning and Zoning Regulations. Attendees also included County Attorney Tammy Kelley, Assessor Doug Kamery, Keith Sagehorn and Richard Starkebaum.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:

Tom Timm

Beth Zilla, County Clerk

Garold Roberts